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Chapel Worship: 8:45 AM

Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM **10:45 AM**

Gary Etter Les George

Arlene Uldrich Pasko Evanoff

Charlene Brown Ron Dill



Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided

by Your faithfulness. - Psalm 26:3

WORSHIP LEADER:

Sept. 23— Gary Etter

Sept. 30—Bethanne Bleeke

GREETER:

Sept. —the Foskuhl's

DETERMINATION

The other day I was attempting to help Sue find an address of some folks who had been babysitting Faith for Emily. We entered the address in Google maps and it gave an address that really wasn't far from us. Thinking it was the right address that is where Sue went only to find out it was not the correct address. We tried several different ways of getting the address on the GPS and through the computer and still could not get the right location. We finally resorted to the old time tested process of "letting our fingers do the walking" and called the family. They gave Sue the right directions to their home.

Not so long ago even the most brilliant astronomers and navigators were still getting lost. Without modern instruments for accurate calculations, they were forced to depend upon unreliable charts and tables. The U. S. Treasury and a growing insurance industry had similar interest problems. They needed complicated actuaries and daily interest charts.

Nobody trusted the error filled books and charts of their day. Would some genius please step forward and give a lifetime on this project?

General W.W. Duffield was qualified. As Chief of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, he saw the need and labored for 25 years on ten-place logarithms, exhaustive tables and equations. He checked and double checked his figures for accuracy.

Finally his notes grew into a thick manuscript nearly ready for publication. The scientist carried them in an old-fashioned carpet bag and never let them out of his sight.

That obvious caution, however, must have attracted the attention of a thief who suspected a more spendable fortune. A lifetime of work disappeared when the bad was stolen.

What would you have done? Lesser men would have given up, but not the General. He started over.

Years later he completed the 800-page volume which was published by our government and became a standard reference used daily by thousands in many countries. Duffield's accuracy was rendered obsolete only by our modern computers and technology.

Call it determination or just stubbornness, but the world is richer for those who stick to a job they believe important. Too many give up too soon.

I found this story interesting in that it speaks of a church also. We ask ourselves; why are people leaving a church that is supposed to be warm and friendly. Why isn't the church growing and why can't we get new people to join the church? We ask the questions but no one wants to spend the time to look back at our history and really find out what the problems or issues might be, instead we just keep plowing forward in the same vain and same program and act like there is no problem with the way we are doing things.

I have looked back at the history of this congregation and found that there really hasn't been any time spent on looking back at the history of this church and what has occurred during each pastorate and in between. All efforts are concentrated on getting another pastor as soon as possible and then proceed on as before.

The idea of the interim pastor is to facilitate the congregation in slowing down and taking a look back at where they were when a pastor came and where they are when he leaves and the issues and causes that may have brought about

Attendance - Sept. 9 & 16 '12

8:45 — 23, 21
10:45 — 89, 74
Sunday school — 48, 22

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)
Income rec'd +/- Amt.
Dec. '11 - \$ 32,991 + \$18,033
Jan. '12 - \$12,947 - \$2,011
Feb. '12 - 10, 593 - \$4,365
Mar. '12 - \$11,348 - 3,610
Apr. '12 - \$13,679 - 1,279
May '12 - \$10, 746 - 4,212
June '12 - \$7,975 - 6,983
July '12 - \$14,748 - 210

Happy Birthday

Jerry Hager—Sept. 22
Joe Farren—Sept. 23
Dan Miller—Sept. 23
Fred Foskuhl—Sept. 26
Bonnie Foster—Sept. 26
Sarah Goodner—Sept. 26
Taylor Medlin—Sept. 26
Kylie Janzow—Sept. 27
Jeanne Miller—Sept. 28
Jim Weyrauch—Sept. 29
Zakk Donovan—Sept. 30
Christopher Elliott—Sept. 30
Adam Taylor—Oct. 1
Becky Northern—Oct. 4
Bob Foster—Oct. 5
Shari Harshbarger—Oct. 5



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander Kevin Bader
Glenda Boddie Ginny Breckler
John Butts Jim Coleman
Michelle Conn DeAnn Decker
CeCi (Cobb) Cole Katie Foskuhl
Conner Elliott Jamie Geswein
Jeanna Guffey Sharon & Jack Gilmore
David Goldberg Ken Hambrick

Vern Hine Bill Hine
Carol Hildebrecht Mollie Huggins
Bob Karl Don Keltner
Dustin Knowlton Erik Landing
Nancy Lyttle Bob McCray
Lauren McClure Marcella Miller
Nancy Meyer Karolina O'Donnell
Harriet Shawhan Cindy Ramano
Bob Rearick Calire Riccos
Herb Schafer Tom Scheit
Dale Smitley Beverly Smith
Wayne Stolich Paul Stutz
Danny Tomaz Gloria Van Camp
Flo Warner Evelyn Wheeler
Mary Willett Emily Wilson

Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home
Marion Farren—Trinity Home
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington
Tnsp.

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)
Kirby Brooks— USA (Al Brooks son)
Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)
Michael Mantia— Afghanistan
Nathanial Nicholas—Afghanistan
Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)
Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)
Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)
Kevin & Ryan Stites—USA (Stites grandsons)

Pantry Prayer Requests: Please remember all our unspoken pantry families needs and concerns.

Register for the NEW Kroger Rewards Program

The Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program started a new program in May of this year. They pay out a quarterly rebate reward to any organizations registered with their program, like we are. This is an easy way to earn money to support our church, when we grocery shop.

To continue with this new program, we need you to enroll in the new Community Rewards Program. The new program is simpler because you do not need to load money on a gift card. You simply swipe your Kroger Plus shoppers card or key tag which gets you the lowest prices on your purchases when checking out. But you must register your Plus Card so GOPCC can receive the rebate. If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk.

Enrolling is done on-line at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Instruction sheets are available in the church office. Those who do not have a computer can ask a relative or friend to do it for them. If you know of Kroger Shoppers who are not enrolled for another organization, ask them to enroll for GOPCC.

GOPCC's number is 80028. You will need to enter this number, as well as your Plus Card number when enrolling. It take up to 14 days to become effective so get registered today.

For the first quarter of the new program, we only have 11 members enrolled, earning the church \$101. So, if more people enroll, we might be able to raise \$800 to \$1,000 for our church over the course of a year, just by buying groceries.

Greenmont Church,

I want to say Thank You so much for all the prayers going out to my son's wife, Jeanna Guffey and their 4 children. Her fight with cancer is a hard one. - Beverly Guffey

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

We are still in need of:

- ♥ paper grocery bags
- ♥ canned soups
- ♥ canned ravioli
- ♥ Toilet paper
- ♥ canned fruits



455 people came to our pantry in Aug. - Mission Outreach

Seeking Christmas Play Director

If you have an interest in performing or directing, we are looking for someone to do the Christmas program this year. You can chose the play, music or create your own. The Date is the only thing planned by Christian Education so far and that could be changed if need be. As of now Sunday Dec. 9th was chosen. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. - Christian Ed.



3 White Coolers missing

Our church has a couple missing white coolers. Please return any borrowed coolers to the church kitchen as soon as possible, they are used for so many functions at the church. - Thank you, church office

the separation. There is a great importance in a church looking at its heritage and learning from it. It can be a time of joy as you remember some really great moments in the life of the church and it can be very painful as you look at issues that people know existed but kind of swept it "under the carpet" so to speak and keep it buried because it may involve working with conflict.

The church that fails to seriously look at its history is only looking at problems in the future as that history will play itself out sometimes in a most destructive way. Sometimes issues are mentioned and told to us and we just ignore them and move on like they have no bearing on the life of the church. In my review of records and minutes of board meetings and even exit interviews from pastors there have been issues brought up that seem to have been put to the side and not discussed or taken seriously because some people want to keep things moving in the same direction and make no changes.

It we want this church to grow and prosper and regain the strength and vitality it once had we must be as determined as General Duffield. When his carpet bag was stolen he could have given up and just let things continue but he started over at the beginning and the world is a better place for it. Greenmont-Oak Park Community United Church of Christ needs to look back at its beginning and retrace some of it history and look at some of the issues that have been pushed aside over the years. With the same determination of General Duffield, we can correct those issues that are holding us back from revitalizing this congregation and have a more positive future and ministry as you call a new pastor to serve you.

In His Service,
Rev. Dr. Robert Smitley
Interim Pastor

August Board Highlights

- * the loose change offerings have raised \$64 dollars for the youth program.
- * We have 156 students enrolled in the Preschool program
- * The Official Board has been working on reviewing our church constitution and by-laws.
- * The Membership Committee is working on organizing some guest speakers for families with young children and preschool parents, to present topics on nutrition.

For everyone's information a copy of the Official Board monthly minutes is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office for your convenience.

Contemporary Sunday School

We are beginning a new study called "Justice For the Poor: Love God, Serve People, Change the World." It is a six-session DVD-based group study from Sojourner's that recaptures the biblical vision that links poverty with justice. Some session titles include: "Burger King Mom, Being Poor in America", "Is There Something Wrong with the 'Prosperity Gospel?'" and "Standing at the Corner of Church and State". Accompanying the DVD is a guide which should lead us into lively and thoughtful discussions. Please join us across from the kitchen on Sunday mornings following the first service. Laura Von Holle

New Art Display

We are very fortunate to have a display of new watercolor paintings by church member Pasko Evanoff in the Hilty Room. These paintings are available with information in the office.

Youth



Fall Schedule

Jr & Sr High Youth— Sat. evening

- 7 pm—music/drama practice
- 8 pm—small group Jr & Sr High Bible discussions
- 9 pm—combined fellowship

Footprints/ Crusaders

1st & 3rd Sundays, follows worship

Chimes Article Deadlines are:

Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 5

Fall Sunday School schedule

Sept. 16

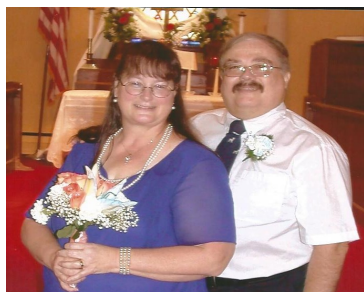
Classes will resume at 9:30 AM:

- * Confirmation
- * High School/College
- * Adult Bible Class
- * Contemporary Adult class

(a teacher will be available at the 9:30 hour for preschool to 5th grade)

Bible Adventure at 10:45 AM

- * Sheri Parrett
- * Katie & Sarah Goodner



Congratulations Don & Lori Keltner
Upon your 30th anniversary

**Cornhole Tournament—
Oct. 13**

Matt Julien is planning a fun Fall Cornhole Tournament for Saturday, Oct. 13 @ 1 PM. You must register by Oct. 5, the cost is \$10/team of two players . A sign up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board. A couple helpers are also needed by Matt. Please sign-up or call him , 751-4200.



New Church Directories Available

The new 2012-2013 church directory address and phone listings are available from the church office. They are on the counter by the wall calendar. Please take one to update your phone and address information. Many changes do occur throughout the year. - Nova Kigar

**Sunday Greeters
Needed**

Please sign up to welcome and greet people before the 10:45 AM worship service. The list is posted across from the church office.



“In Sympathy”

We extend our prayers to the family of Charles Warren, who passed onto Eternal Life this past week. May God give the family comfort and peace, at this time of loss.

Condolences may be sent to:

Jon Warren, P O Box 80,
Colona Ill. 61241

A Memorial Service will be planned for later this year.

Crop Walk, October 7

Once again the Social Action Committee is inviting the congregation to participate in the Church World Service Crop Walk. The CROP Walk is a community wide event to support Church World Service, an organization that works with partners to eradicate poverty and hunger and promote peace and justice around the world. They support sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance. Church World Service is also the recipient of our previous Blankets+ campaigns which we did not host in 2012. Social Action has set our donations goal for this year at \$750.



Current CWS efforts include flood response in the states in the Gulf region in response to Hurricane Irene. They are also active in the mid-east and Africa.

In the mid-east, Church World Service is responding to the refugee crisis created by the on-going conflict in Syria. There are some 2.5 million displaced persons, with hundreds of thousands displaced within the country and others crossing borders in neighboring Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. CWS-supported efforts will provide better shelter to approximately 300 refugee families, or about 1,500 people, who are currently living in tents in Za’atari refugee camp. Specifically, the project will be to replace tents with 300 pre-fabricated housing units which are manufactured locally. The shelter is needed because extreme differences in tem-

peratures – hot days and cold nights – and levels of dust and sand make life in the tents extremely difficult.

In the Sahel region of Africa, there is a budding hunger crisis. One root of the problem is recent drought, which is affecting the production of crops, resulting in food shortages. Exacerbating the problem is political unrest, particularly in Mali, where more than 167,000 people have been displaced internally. Another 205,000 from Mali now are refugees who have fled to nearby countries, including Burkina Faso. Among the work being done is the distribution of nutrition packs containing locally purchased foods, to malnourished children & their mothers.

CWS-supported work is also supporting long-term interventions that include providing farmers with seeds, tools and animal fodder, supporting community cash-for-work projects to control erosion, subsidizing rice sales by local farmers and promoting sustainable livestock management.



There are several ways you can participate this year. Walkers are always welcome. Please pick up a sponsor form at church on Sunday, or visit the CWS web site. Sponsoring a walker continues to get easier, either by writing a check to CWS/Crop or giving cash to a walker, or visit the web site. And please support our efforts and those who need our assistance in your prayers.

The CWS web site is “Churchworldservice.org”. You can find the Dayton Crop Walk by entering your zip code, and enter “Greenmont Oak Park Church” in the Team prompt.

Thank you in advance for all your support. Social Action

